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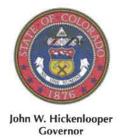
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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

This letter is in support the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

Over the past several months, we have organized a "bottom up" economic-development planning process that has involved every county in Colorado. Our goal is to better integrate local economic concerns in developing a state economic development plan. In this process we have heard from communities and individuals across the state. Improving broadband access for non-urban communities has been a consistent concern.

In urban, suburban and rural parts of Colorado, business owners, students, families, doctors and universities are – and they should be – fast approaching the wireless network's current capacity with their ideas, research ambitions or business applications. We should not allow the limits of communications capacity to inhibit a community's economic potential.

Right now, fast wireless connections are widely available, but primarily in urban corridors along major interstate highways. If the proposed merger is approved, our hope is that high speed access will spread across our state – spurring innovation and connecting Colorado communities. Coloradans will be part of the 55 million additional Americans who can benefit from access to 4G LTE technology.

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As you consider the policy consequences of this proposed merger, please give close attention to the prospect we have for enhancing capacity and improving connectivity so that more communities – particularly in rural areas – can fully participate in the economic potential of broadband access.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper

Governor